

Regular Session, 2006

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Marine Lance Corporal Billy Don Brixey, Jr.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Billy Don "B.J." Brixey, Jr. upon his death in ground combat action in Operation Enduring Freedom.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey was a native of Ferriday and a life-long resident of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, and developed into an outstanding young athlete as he grew up playing Dixie Youth Baseball and later, as a member of the Vidalia High School Football team; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in 2002, Lance Corporal Brixey's love for his country and his determination to serve in its armed forces led him to join the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey successfully faced the challenges of Marine Corps boot camp training, considered by many to be some of the toughest in the world, and excelled in his new role as a defender of his country's freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey was initially assigned to the Combat Services Support Group 3 based in Kaneohe, Hawaii, but he was later attached to the first Battalion, third Marine Regiment, third Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force and traveled

1 with the unit when it was deployed to Jalalabad, Afghanistan, in January of 2006 to continue
2 America's war on terror; and

3 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey and his fellow Marines immediately began
4 conducting patrols in response to an increase in enemy activity in the volatile western
5 portion of Afghanistan bordering Pakistan; and

6 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey and his men, came under heavier attacks from
7 mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, and roadside explosive devices as terrorist forces
8 attempted to end the newly formed democratic government created by the first free elections
9 in years; and

10 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey was part of a convoy on January 25, 2006, when
11 he and his men were engaged by enemy forces and he was mortally wounded by an
12 improvised explosive device; and

13 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey distinguished himself greatly with his brave
14 service to his country during his time in the theater of operations, receiving the Purple Heart
15 for wounds suffered in combat, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the
16 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National
17 Defense Service Medal; and

18 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Brixey will now join his predeceased mother, Kathy
19 Faye Waterbeck Brixey, and maternal grandparents, Charles and Jo Waterbeck, and be
20 welcomed home for burial with full military honors by his father and stepmother, Billy and
21 Cassandra Brixey, his brother and sister-in-law, James and Angela Brixey, two sisters,
22 Alexandra Brixey and Kirsten Nicole Lampkin, paternal grandparents, Joe and Betty Brixey,
23 two step-brothers, Jerry Brownell Jr. and Adam Brownell, and a step-sister, Samantha
24 Brownell.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby express its deepest sorrow and most sincere condolences to the family of Marine
27 Corps Lance Corporal Billy Don Brixey Jr. for their sacrifice and loss in America's war on
28 terror in Afghanistan.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
30 family of Lance Corporal Billy Don Brixey, Jr.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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